

No. 622	號二十二百九千六第	日四初月正年辰庚緒光	HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 1880.	五拜禮	號三十月二英	港香	[PRICE \$2] PER MONTH
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INITIATIONS

FOR HOIHOW AND PAKROU
THE Steamship
"HAINAN"
Captain Conner, shortly due, will have immediate
passage for the above Ports.
For Freight or Passage apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1880. 1286

NOTICE
We have established ourselves as MER-
CHANTS & COMMISSION
AGENTS at this port from this date, under the
style of FLEMING & CO.
HAIRIE MAHOMED & Co.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1880. 1287

TO LET,
With Early Possession,
THE Semi-Detached DWELLING HOUSE,
WESTERN VILLAGE, BUSHAM
Road, with Garden. Also Stable Accommoda-
tion required.
For Particulars apply to

HONGKONG, 13th February, 1880. [298]

**HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

N O T I C E.

TO MORROW (Saturday), the 14th inst., the
WHITE CLOUD will leave for MACAO at
4.30 P.M. FIRST CLASS PASSAGE 35.50
and second, between Saturday the 14th, and Monday
the 15th inst., 33; SECOND CLASS 34.50.
By Order,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1880. [299]

WINCHESTER REPAIRING ARMS
COMPANY, NEW HAVEN
CONN., U.S.A.

Manufacturers of the Celebrated Winchester
Repeating Fire Arms, the Hotchkiss Magazine
Gun and Metallic Cartridges of all descriptions.
Sole Agents for China, Japan, and
Siam, SCHMIDT & Co. Hongkong.
Sub-Agents for Shanghai,
GROSSMANN & Co. Hongkong.

WONGKONG HORTICULTURAL

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF VERGE TABLES, FLIGHTS, AND FLOWERS will be held at the City Hall, on **FRIDAY, the 20th, and SATURDAY, the 21st February**, and in conjunction therewith, a **Loan Exhibition of WORKS OF ART** to consist of **Antique Porcelain, Bronzes, Japanese Ivory and Lacquer, Jewellery, Paintings, Pottery, Drawings, Statuary, &c., &c.**

The Co-operation of Virtuous and Collectors is earnestly solicited, and the Loan of objects suitable for exhibition is respectfully requested.

Experienced Men will be employed in arranging and handling contributions, and the Articles will be watched and cared for night and day, and insured by Insurance, whilst in the charge of the Committee.

Contributors to the Art Exhibition are requested to furnish particulars of their Loans on or before **the 14th of February** to **Mrs. J. B. COOPER, &c.**

C. S. TAYLOR,
Honorary Secretary, H.E.S. Socy.
Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 1863.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, at THREE o'clock in the Afternoon of MONDAY, the 23rd February instant, to consider a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1932, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect Consulting Committees and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited,
Hongkong, 6th February, 1933. 1178

NOTICE.

The TRANSFEREES OF THE COMPASS COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 23rd of February instant, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited,
Hongkong, 6th February, 1880. [279]

G. FALCONER AND CO.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS AND
JEWELLERS,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS,
AND BOOKS.
No. 46, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE STAG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD HONGKONG.

This Hotel is centrally situated, and within a few minutes walk of the principal Landing Stairs, Tiffin at One o'clock, Dinner at Six p.m.
Good Accommodation for Visitors.
New English and American Billiard Tables.
J. COOK, PROPRIETOR.

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

MR. J. F. SHUSTER begs to announce that he carries on from this date the above Establishment, as a **FIRST-CLASS HOTEL**. The House is now being **THOROUGHLY RE-PAVED AND RE-FURNISHED**. **MR. SHUSTER** prays strict attention to Business, and by supplying the Best Liquors, to merit a share of Public Patronage. The House has **AMPLE ACCOMMODATION FOR BOARDERS**, who will meet with every comfort. The Table will be of the best, and the charges strictly moderate. The Proprietor will be at all times ready to supply Picnic Parties and to provide a Dinner Table for Six and upwards on very **REASONABLE TERMS**.

NEW BOWLING ALLEYS HAVE BEEN RE-LAID.

DUFFIN AT ONE, DINNER AT SEVEN.
 WINES AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST QUALITY.
 ORIENTAL HOTEL.
 T. B. SPURLOCK, Proprietor.
 Hongkong, 5th November 1879.

A F O N G.
 PHOTOGRAPHER,
 By Appointment to H.E. SHI ANCHANG,
 EDU. H.E. Admiral Ryder, and H.H. THE
 PRINCE DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA, having re-
 turned from his recent Peking and the Northern
 Provinces, has the satisfaction to offer a
 CHOICE, CHOICES, and more COMPREHENSIVE
 COLLECTION OF VIEWS, than any other in the
 Empire. Among the several places of great
 interest he has, by considerable cost and trouble,
 secured the best pictures and images obtainable.
 MYSTERY, "THE DRAGON THRONES," and
 others, in a perspective,
 instantly an inspection.
 The following are the places also
 in view:—CANTON, THE NORTH RIVER, HONG-
 KONG, MACAO, SWATOW, AMOY, FOOSHOW,

D. K. GUPTA holds authority to SIGN
STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Nearly opposite the Hongkong Hotel

POST OFFICE NOTICES

POST-OFFICE NOTICE.

A MAIL WILL CLOSURE
For Swatow.—To-day, the 13th inst.
For Saigon.—To-day, the 13th inst.
For Hongkong.—To-morrow, the 14th
at 5 P.M.
For Manila.—For *Diamond*, to-morrow,
14th inst. at 5 P.M.
For Japan, via Kobe.—Per *Semidaira*,
Friday, the 20th inst., at 5 P.M.
rate.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH POST.
The French Consul's Packet will be
despatched on WEDNESDAY
inst., with Mails to and through
Kingdom and Europe, etc. Naples,
Strait Settlements, Batavia, Borneo,
Siam, Hongkong, Canton, Yokohama,
New Westminster, Fijian, Aden, Socra, and
Australia.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE COMMERCE
MAILS.
THE PRINCE MAIL.—DAY BEFORE
5 P.M. Money Order Offices close.
Closures against the night box, which
opens at 10 P.M.

DAY OF DEPARTURE.
7 A.M. Post Office opens.
9 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.
All printed matter and postages cease.
10 P.M. Mails closed, except for Late
11.0 A.M. Letters may be posted with
of 18 cents inst.
1.30 A.M. when the Post Office closes
1.40 P.M. Late Letters may be posted
the packet with Late Fee of 18
time of departure.

MAILS BY THE PORTUGUESE
3 P.M. Money Order Offices close.
3.30 A.M. Post Office closes till 9
the night box, which is always
office hours.

8 P.M. Post Office opens.
9 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.
All printed matter and postages cease.
10 P.M. Mails closed, except for Late
10.10 P.M. Letters may be posted
of 18 cents inst.
10.30 A.M. when the Post Office closes
10.40 P.M. Late Letters may be posted
the packet with Late Fee of 18
time of departure.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAIT
PACKET.
The Australian Coastal Packet "H.
BY" will be despatched from Hongkong
on THURSDAY, the 19th inst., via
Singapore, Townsville, Island, Crookland
Bay, Bowen, Koppal Bay, Brisbane,
Mannama, New Zealand, Fiji, and
Australia.

Correspondence cannot be registered
11.30 A.M.
The Mails will be closed at 11.30
pleurinary Mail on board with 15
time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and
Australia can be sent by this route if
as a general rule it is better to send it
by the regular route.

POSTAGE TO AUSTRALIA.
1.—The following change in the
rates between Hongkong and the Aus-
tralia (Australia, New Zealand, Ta-
Fiji) come into operation on the 1st
inst.—
The Postage on letters via Ta-
by whatever option is reduced
per half ounce. Rates on other
sorts as hitherto.

2.—Letters sent via Gallie also
cents per half ounce. Mails will
for this route by each French Packet
of each alternate one as heretofore
service sent by Gallie is now fortnightly
every two weeks.

3.—No mails whatever are despatched
to, or by British Packet.

4.—Engines are frequently made
to be sent by Gallie, and any dis-
cussance can be forwarded for New Zea-
land, &c. It is notified that mails
from the Australasian Colonies are

Overland, San Cargo
Offices, and San Fran-
cisco, California.
Freight or Company,
San Francisco, Cal.
BRY.
DEBTS.
for the
any
the Crews
or stay in
-Meyer
-Cheong.
Geo. K.
Collins.
Yuen Fat
J. J. Binie,
-Captain.
-Rats.
-Jones.
-Johnson.
-Birley
-Wielor
-Gold, Kar-
-nell & Co.
-Madina, Ma-
-Meyer
-Vogel & Co.
-Vogel &

3-cent die Books of Receipts, Receipt Books, &c., can be stamped before or after the date of receipt. The forms can also be changed if required.

THE NEW RATES OF POSTAGE

To United Countries 70 Cents
To Foreign Countries 75 Cents

Letters, per 100	8 Cents
Post Cards, each	3 Cents
Books, per 2 oz.	2 Cents
Commercial "Papers,"	6 Cents
Newspapers & Tracts	2 Cents
Current, each	8 Cents
Registration, each	8 Cents

Commercial papers signify such as bills of exchange, promissory notes, or as invoices or personal correspondence, as orders, deeds, copies, music, &c., and them in a book packet expose it to the examination of the Post Office.

The sender of any Registered Article pays with a Return Receipt an extra fee of 4 cents. Registration Countries are reduced to 8 cents.

INDEMNITY FOR THE LOSS OF A REGISTERED LETTER.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the loss of a Registered Letter, but hereafter it will be prepared to indemnify the sender to the extent of the contents of such correspondence passing through the Post, to the extent of the value of the contents.

- 1.—That the sender duly observed the conditions of Registration required.
- 2.—That the letter was securely enclosed in a strong envelope.
- 3.—That application was made to the master General of Hongkong immediately was discovered, the envelope being forwarded with such application unless the sender had been notified.
- 4.—That the Postmaster-General, to whom the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Consulate in China, had not been notified of any fault on the part of the sender, by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the negligence of any person not in the service of the Hongkong Post Office.

The sender is to compensate the damage to fragile articles such as watches, landlown-bound books, such their destination, although in a

